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PATENT APPLICATION

Our Docket No. 20030322.ORI

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re App : Edward Draper : March 30, 2007  
S.N. : 10/675,855 : Art Unit 3733  
Filed : September 25, 2003 : Examiner Mary C. Hoffman  
For : BONE FIXATED, ARTICULATED JOINT  
LOAD CONTROL DEVICE

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to an Official Action mailed January 30, 2007. That Action had a shortened-statutory period for response of one month or thirty days whichever was longer so that a reply was due by March 2, 2007. Accordingly, a Petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted with the paper, together with an authorization for the required fee, so that the date for response is extended to April 2, 2007.

Kindly enter the following amendments: